



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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## President's Message

At the time of publication of this month's Newsletter, our annual show and sale will have taken place. A big "THANK YOU" to

Joan Roderick, Gary Smith, Sarah Hurdel, MOS exhibitors, those who lent plants, and to all of the MOS volunteers who helped make this years' show and sale a success.



## The March Program will be a presentation by...

...a panel of our very own members who have above average knowledge of the orchid genius. This will be a casual question and answering session.

Join in and ask those questions about your orchid that still have you puzzled.

Submitted by Jean Hedrick - Program



Our next big event is the Workshop on April 14th from 10 AM to 4 PM at Woodbrook Church. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. We will need help in setting up tables and chairs and AV equipment at 8:30 AM, setting up and serving lunch around 11 AM, assisting with re-potting around 1 PM and clean up around 3:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting.

At the February meeting, I announced that a Search Committee has been appointed to recruit nominees to run for election by the membership, for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors. These positions are all becoming vacant as of June, 2018. Members of the Nominating Committee are Joel Graham, Chairperson, Laura Sobelman and Marilyn Lauffer. If you would consider becoming a nominee for any of the above-mentioned positions, please contact members of the Search Committee.

*Sarah*



photo by Aaron Spence



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# February's Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Paph. Hybrid - Marc Kiriou
2. Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber

## Home Grown

1. Cym. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly' - John Dunning  
Stsc. Vanguard 'Fireball'JC/AOS - Anne Headrick  
Z. Jumpin Jack 'Kalapana' HCC/AOS -  
Bob Travers
3. Epc. Rene Marquis X Epi. paniculatum - The Zickuhrs

## Greenhouse

1. Ddc.cobbianum - Eric Wiles
2. C. harrisoniana - Clark Riley

## Cattleya

1. Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Shining Moment' -  
Eric Wiles
2. Tie Pot. Orglade's Tradition 'Sunset' - Bob Johnston  
Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' Phuong Tran  
& Rich Kaste  
Blc. Tsiku Lily 'NN' - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Blc. My Orange 'NN' - The Dagostins  
Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Marge' - Wanda Kuhn

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. KV Beauty - John Dunning
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner  
Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber
3. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Master Dragon - Joel Graham
2. Paph. Berenice - David Smith
3. Tie Paph. Carolyn Butcher - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith  
& Owen Humphrey  
Phrag. Jersey - Clark Riley  
Paph. Hawaiian Tea - Bob Travers

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Fancy Angel 'Lycee' - John Dunning
2. Den. Victorian Bride - Chris Zajac
3. Den. Aussie Chip - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &  
Owen Humphrey

## Oncidium

1. Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai #2' - Bob Johnston
2. Bllra. Tahoma Glacier - John Dunning
3. Onc. Sweet Sugar 'K' - The Zickuhrs

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Cym. Ruby Flag 'NN' - John Dunning
2. Tie Fdk. After Dark 'SVO' Black Pearl' - The Dagostins

- Cym. Hybrid - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Phcal. Kryptonite 'Ursula' - Bob Johnston

## Species

1. Gga. fulva - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Ptst. curta - Clark Riley  
Rhy. gigantea - Arne Schon  
Pths. palliolata - David Smith
3. Tie Ddc. tenellum - Fay Citerone  
Ddc. wenzelii - Bob Johnston  
Onc. viperinum 'J&L' AM/CBM/AOS -  
Mike Moran

## Miniature

1. Pths. luctuosa - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &  
Owen Humphrey
2. Tie L. lundii - Mike Moran  
Epi. Miracle Valley - Dave Smith
3. Tie Slc. Beau's Apricot Gem - Bob Travers  
Cctm. ornithorynchum - Eric Wiles

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Andean Fire - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &  
Owen Humphrey
2. Paph. (malipoense X fairieanum) - Bob Travers
3. Slc. Seagull's Apricot X Sc. Beaufort - David Smith

## Fragrance

1. Blc. Rosebud 'NN' - Wanda Kuhn
2. Z. Hybrid - Fay Citerone
3. Tie Brs. peruviana - John Dunning  
B. cordata - Eric Wiles

## Judges Choice of the Evening

The Judges Choice of the Evening was a Cym. Hybrid, exhibited by Marilyn Lauffer.



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# Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

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**Thank You** to our judges who were, Teena Hallameyer, Suzanne Gaertner and Laurie Nardenelli. Our show table had an incredible display of 129 beautiful flowering plants.

A special THANKS to all that make our show table such a great success, it is truly breathtaking!

## Tips from Marilyn

I have owned this Cymbidium plant (may be 'Flying Colors', but not certain) for approximately five years, and this is the first year it bloomed. In previous years, I had placed it in dappled sun for most of the summer.

Last year, I placed it in the yard in almost full sun beginning in April. I thought I could get it gradually acclimated to our strong Maryland sun, by starting early. I gave it a good dose of Osmocote at that time and another dose in July. I kept it well watered over the summer.

Valerie Lowe had told me that it needs a really good chill, so I left the plant outside until almost Thanksgiving, as she advised. When temperatures were predicted below freezing, I brought it into the house and placed it on the floor in my basement. It was with my other orchids receiving 12 hours of artificial light. Voila! I had spikes show up! (I had been fooled in the past with 'new growth' that resembled spikes.....much to my dismay. The actual spikes are conical shaped). It was a wonderful surprise to see the buds open up and reveal their colorful display!

Submitted by Marilyn

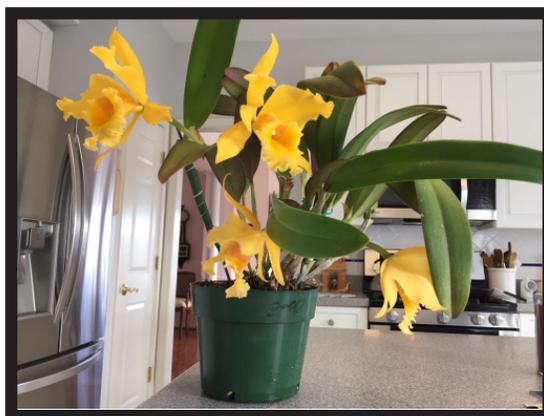
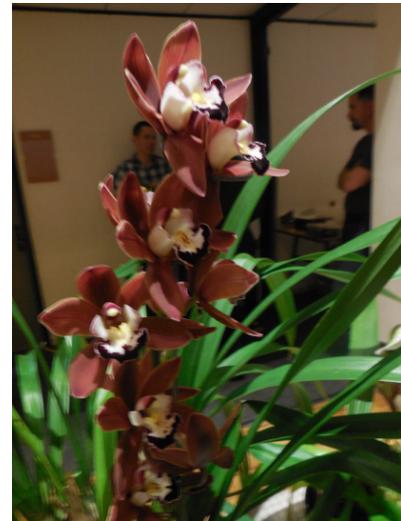


## Marilyn's Corner

### New Members

Devika and K.B. Nair  
Debbie Lippincott

Submitted by Marilyn Lauffer -  
Membership



Just a little foot note...

Laura Sobelman couldn't make it to last months meeting, but she sent me a picture of the blc plant she was going to bring and put on the show table. I thought it was beautiful and should be seen. The yellow was so bright.

# From “Voice of the Residents”, Vol. 39 No. 7 Broadmead, Cockeysville, Md. March 2018

Residents learn about orchids and their care  
By Bob Heaton

Advice on caring for orchids in the home, as well as copious information about the plants, was provided to about 60 residents and guests in February.

The talk was given by Sarah L. Spence, a retired professor of botany, biology, and zoology at Baltimore City Community College. She is also President of the Maryland Orchid Society.

According to Spence, orchids are the most numerous and diverse flowering plants in the world. There are more than 120,000 species and hybrids. They are indigenous to every continent but Antarctica.

Orchids grow in trees (epiphytes), on rocks (lithophytes), on the



ground (terrestrials), and even underground. Spence detailed the roots, stems, leaves, and flowers of many types of orchids, and explained the role of each component. She showed examples of how orchids use ingenious mechanisms to achieve cross-pollination by tricking insects to do the work. Orchids can also use vegetative reproductive methods.

Hybrids, the goal of many who grow orchids for their showy flowers, require cross-pollination. Proper care, Spence explained, requires six elements: Water when dry. Use weak fertilizer at every other watering. Inspect frequently. Prune, remove dead parts, and stake for support. Apply tender, loving care. And, most important, have patience—it may take several years for an orchid to begin blooming.

The event was sponsored by the Cliff Dwellers Garden Club and arranged by resident Anne Minkowski, a club member.

Submitted by Sarah Spence

*Our Annual Show at Timonium Fair Grounds was a SUCCESS!!*



*Marc Kiriou*



*Bob and Susan Travers*



*Sarah Spence*

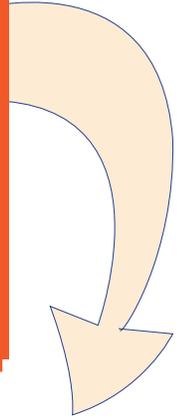


*Joel Graham*

*Some of our member's displays*



*Sarah Hurdel and Owen Humphrey*



*Thanks to our Show  
Chairwoman, Joan Roderick..  
Job well done.*



*photo by Aaron Spence*



NCOS



*Thanks to our Vendors.*



*BEST orchid in the show.*



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# THE MARCH 2018 AOS CORNER

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## **For newsletter editors:**

Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner, in whole or in part, in their society newsletters. We encourage promotion of AOS website use by your members.

## **AFFILIATED SOCIETIES**

The highlight of the month is sure to be The American Orchid Society 2018 Spring Members Meeting. As mentioned before, it's being held in conjunction with the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and the Cymbidium Society of America Congress on March 7-11, 2018, in Santa Barbara, California at the Earl Warren Showgrounds. If you haven't been, the Santa Barbara show is one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious international orchid shows in the United States. This show marks the 73rd anniversary with the theme ORCHIDS – The World's Greatest Show. You will find thousands of blooms in every imaginable shape, color, pattern and texture showcased here and the vendors are sure to have something to delight everyone!

The registration site is up at [www.aosmembersmeeting.com](http://www.aosmembersmeeting.com) where you can register for events, and link to the Centric Hyatt for hotel registration. Please put it in your calendar and let your members know that all AOS members are welcome to join us. The Affiliated Society Committee Meeting is on Thursday March 8, from 9:00 – 10:30, at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. We would love to meet you and learn how we can better meet the needs of all societies. Please join us.

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: [americanorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:americanorchidsociety@gmail.com). Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

It's show season! Remember to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Let us know how your show went and what was successful for you or what didn't quite make the mark. We always help each other by sharing. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn't have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading. And... Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org/>

**March:** The Month of Work - By Thomas Mirenda

(This article was originally published in the March 2015 issue of Orchids Magazine)

Most of us spend a lot more time working at our jobs than at any other activity. While life balance may seem somewhat out of whack for the workaholics among us, fulfilling work and accomplishment makes us feel proud, productive and engaged. For many of us, work gives meaning to our lives. Yet I fear so many of us doubt what we do has any impact at all. While I am lucky enough to have a job I'm passionate about, many among us only work to generate money, and the satisfaction these people get from the work itself is pretty negligible, if it exists at all. Sometimes when working for a large company we tend to get lost in the corporate

machinery and, like cogs in a wheel, lose cognizance of the relevance of our daily tasks. If we don't believe what we are doing is important or worthwhile, why should we bother to get good at it?

I think all us humans fall into this syndrome from time to time and March is a month where inspiration may be scarce indeed. Everyone reading this has a unique life-history and perspective, much like the orchids we cultivate. We all have purpose and direction as well as lovely and nurturing personalities. I've never met an orchid grower who didn't. Whatever your role in this workaday world may be, you are part of the fascinating, vibrant and passionate world of orchid growing. What better thing could we aspire to than to spread that joy and passion we know so well to others? I hope I see you out there at the next orchid show doing exactly that!

### **BACK TO THE GRINDSTONE**

March, with its lengthening of days and warming of temperatures, marks the beginning of the growing season for many of us. Many of our orchids, such as phalaenopsis and cymbidiums, have been blooming the last few months, but haven't done much vegetatively since last fall and therefore haven't needed much in terms of water and fertilizer for quite a while. Now you should be seeing the beginnings of new growths, and most importantly, new green root tips. This is your signal that growth has resumed; repotting season has come and you need to be ready!

### **SUPPLY CHAIN**

It may seem a bit premature, but now is the time to stock up on the supplies you'll need for the onslaught of repotting necessary in the coming months. Your friends at the garden center will be so happy to see you and are likely to give you first-rate customer service because their business is still pretty slow until spring is in earnest next month. Get the jump on your orchid needs by purchasing fresh potting mix and a wide variety of containers in an array of useful sizes, both clay and plastic, as well as mounts and baskets, rhizome clips and stability stakes. Get enough so that you won't have to interrupt your rhythm and momentum during potting season to head back to the store for just a bit more.

### **PRIDE IN YOUR WORK**

If you haven't worked with your plants in a while, get out the books and review your potting techniques, and maybe invite a friend (or that curious teenager across the street) to help you. Sometimes showing someone else how to do something is the best reminder for protocols, such as how to strategize against spreading virus, potting securely and effectively and keeping an eye out for problems such as pests and pathogens that might have gone unnoticed in a crowded winter greenhouse. Reward your helpers with a nice healthy division of something pretty and vigorous that grows easily. This is to ensure they get the orchid bug too!

### **FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR**

The work you put into your collection this month as well as in April and May will invariably influence your success for the rest of the year. Plants that are neglected in the spring rarely perform well in the long term. While some plants will bloom a little better when slightly root-bound, waiting too long to repot will eventually lead to declining health and even death. Search your collection for plants that have grown past their pot rims (with obstreperous aerial roots) or don't dry out (due to rotting roots or broken-down mixes) or have weeds and ferns taking over, crowding out your precious orchids. There is nothing quite like a fresh potting job to fix a multitude of potential orchid problems. A little hard work now will repay you in boatloads of floral productivity this coming year!

Thomas Miranda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is an AOS accredited judge. He recently coauthored *The Book of Orchids: a life-size guide to 600 species of orchids from around the world*. Tom recently assumed the directorship of horticulture, education and outreach at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. ([E-mail: biophiliak@gmail.com](mailto:biophiliak@gmail.com); [www.htbg](http://www.htbg))



Cymbidium Charles Weckerle Thrun 'Hatfield's', AM/AOS (82pts.) (George Formby× devonianum) had 80 flowers and three buds on three sharply pendulous inflorescences when exhibited by Hatfield Orchids of Oxnard, CA at the March 2014 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.

Photographer: Arthur Pinkers

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

**Doctor, Doctor, I see spots:** Cattleya guttata with Andrew Coghill-Behrends  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Members Only

Join Andrew Coghill-Behrends as he presents a discussion on Cattleya guttata and its hybrids.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/345536411863945474>

Cattleya guttata 'Mint Julip' HCC/AOS;

Photographer: Edwin Boyett

### Orchids Under Glass

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Members Only

Chris Miller, a grower of all orchids small, will show us how to build and maintain orchidariums for those plants that need special growing conditions, humidity, light and temperature.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5731094796130690818>



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### WHAT ARE WEBINARS?

Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

**WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?** The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

**THE MARCH ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - Cyrtorchilum
- Orchids Illustrated - Rossioglossum
- For the Novice - How to Rebasket
- Who Were These Guys, Part 4: Heinrich Gustav Reichenbach
- Dendrobium bigibbum, Part 3: Intersectional Hybrids, Stripes and Pansies
- The 22nd WOC in Guayaquil



Mystacidium capense 'Harford's Galaxy' CCM/AOS;  
Photographer: Unknown

**YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:**

Upcoming shows are a good time to encourage new membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (note: membership renewals don't count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the AOS Membership Application Form, check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, most importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to: American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami FL 33256-5477

With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings!

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See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. *Free to members and nonmembers.*

Cattleytonia Memoria Michael Davis 'Sandra Walters' AM/AOS;  
Photographer: Claude W. Hamilton



Let's grow together,  
Denise Lucero



Respectfully submitted by  
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